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Establish Second Reward Offer in Fatal Fourth of July Murder of Unique Russell

On Wednesday, July 4, 2012, in front of 1346 West 97th Street located in unincorporated West Athens, 14 year-old Unique Russell, along with 12 year-old Rekeil Reeves and 25 year-old Freddy Pickett, were struck by gunfire as they watched fireworks. Witnesses observed two individuals fire several shots into a crowd that included Unique and her cousins. The LASD apprehended one of the suspects due to information given by a witness, however, he has not yet been convicted.

In an effort to apprehend and convict the second suspect, who remains at large, it is requested that the Board of Supervisors add an additional \$10,000 for the apprehension and conviction of said second suspect. He is described as an African American male, approximately 18 to 25 years of age.

On October 2, 2012 the Board of Supervisors extended the reward for \$10,000 which led to apprehension of the first suspect. According to Sheriff's Homicide Bureau

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detectives, the additional \$10,000 would aid in the ongoing investigation into this tragic murder and ultimately lead to the apprehension and conviction of the second suspect.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Increase the reward offer from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The additional \$10,000 is offered in exchange for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the second suspect responsible for the death of 14 year-old Unique Russell and the injuries sustained by 12 year-old Rekell Reeves and 25 year-old Freddy Pickett, who were struck by gunfire on July 4, 2012 in front of 1346 West 97th in unincorporated West Athens. Authorization of the additional reward offer brings the maximum reward regarding each suspect to \$10,000.

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